

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON GREAT LAKES AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

12:00 p.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

Representative Warren, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Tobocman, Kathleen Law, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine, Robertson, Emmons, Moolenaar, Meekhof and Agema.

The Chair laid HR 239 before the committee.

HR 239 Mayes A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act and to increase and distribute more equitably funding for beach water quality monitoring to Michigan and other states.

Representative Mayes testified in support of HR 239.

Shannon Briggs and Carol Linteau, representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, testified in support of HR 239.

Joel Strasz, representing the Bay County Health Department, testified in support of HR 239.

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a card in support of HR 239, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Robertson moved to report out HR 239 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Tobocman, Kathleen Law, Meadows, Miller, Valentine, Robertson, Emmons, Moolenaar, Meekhof and Agema,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HR 239 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 5553 and SB 513 before the committee.

HB 5553 Miller Environmental protection; solid waste; composting of yard

clippings; provide definition for regulating.

SB 513 Sanborn Environmental protection; solid waste; composting of yard clippings; specify authorized sites and require haulers to verify.

Representative Miller testified in support of HB 5553.

Kyle Kaminski, representing Senator Sanborn's office, testified in support of SB 513.

Frank Ruswick, representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, testified in support of HB 5553 and SB 513.

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 5553 and SB 513, but did not wish to speak:

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council,
Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau,
David Worthams, representing the Michigan Municipal League,
Steven Kohl, representing the Four Townships City Coalition.

Doloris Michaels, representing the UNI-DIG Inc., testified in opposition to HB 5553 and SB 513.

Pat Crowley, representing the American Farm Environment, LLC., testified in opposition to HB 5553 and SB 513.*

Representative Meadows moved to adopt substitute (H-4) to SB 513.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-3-3.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Warren, Ebli, Tobocman, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine and Robertson,

Nays: Representatives Emmons, Moolenaar and Agema,

Pass: Representatives Donigan, Kathleen Law and Meekhof.

Representative Meadows moved to report out SB 513 as substitute (H-4) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-4-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Tobocman, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine,

Nays: Representatives Robertson, Emmons, Moolenaar and Agema,

Pass: Representatives Kathleen Law and Meekhof.

SB 513 (H-4) reported out with recommendation.

Representative Tobocman moved to report out HB 5553 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-4-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Tobocman, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine,

Nays: Representatives Robertson, Emmons, Moolenaar and Agema,

Pass: Representatives Kathleen Law and Meekhof.

HB 5553 reported out with recommendation.

The committee received public testimony on the illegal importation of foreign containers from the following people:

Representative Steve Bieda, representing the 25 District,**
Gregory O'Neil, representing O.K. Distributors,
David Gizzi, representing Off Duty Investigations,**
Michael Hautala, representing Hautala Distributors,
Michael Miller, representing Floral City Beverage, Inc.,
Ashlie Keener, representing the Anheuser Busch Company,
Paul Lucas, representing the Miller Brewing Company,*
Bill Lobenhenz, representing the Michigan Soft Drink Association,**
Jack Schick, representing TOMRA North America,**
Linda Goblek, representing the Michigan Grocers Association,
Eric Rule, representing the Michigan Retailers Association.

Due to time the following people were not able to speak:

Mike Lashbrook, representing the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers,
Joe Smeester, representing Four Seasons Beer Distributors,**
Kim Rhead, representing the Association of Food and Petroleum Dealers.

Representative Miller moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2007 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Donigan moved to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Palmer.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the

time being 1:30 p.m.

Representative Rebekah Warren, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
December 12, 2007
1 hour 30 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates written materials attached to report out file.

** indicates written material submitted.